Collection & Chilling Centres (MC & CC). In one of such centres in Bahadurgarh, Haryana land measuring 2 acres, valued at Rs. 8,120/- at the time of taking over in 1962, an attempt was made by Sir Deen Bandhu Chottu Ram Dharamshala to encroach it in August 2001. However, the Government approached the court and a stay order has been obtained from the court against the party.

Irregularities in IARC

†2764. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether major irregularities have been found in the internal audit accomplished by the Ministry due to which IARC had to incur heavy losses;

(b) if so, the names of officers actually responsible for these irregularities and the amount of loss suffered by IARC in crores; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government against the officers found responsible, on the basis of the internal audit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Special audit was conducted by Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Agriculture from 27.12.99 to 14.1.2000. The Audit Report was received in ICAR on 7.9.2000. This report contains observations on different issues such as Civil works, Amendment of Technical Service Rules, Purchase of computers, Appointment of Consultants, maintenance of log books, Hiring of private vehicles and some other issues.

(b) and (c) In response to the observations made by Audit, all the concerned Divisions/Sections were asked to furnish their replies along with necessary details/documents. The replies were received and have been sent to the Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Agriculture. In the light of further

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

observations made by the Chief Controller of Accounts, additional information is being collected from the Divisions concerned.

Funding Central Schemes of Agricultural Development

2765. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Centrally sponsored schemes of National-Pulses Development Programme; Oil Palm Development Programme; Accelerated Maize Development Programme; Timely Reporting of Estimates of Area and Production of Principal Crops and Establishment on an Agency for Reporting of Agricultural Statistics (EARAS);

(b) what are the criteria for allocating funds under each scheme to States and the corresponding Central share; whether these funds would be given to States as 100 per cent grant or whether it would follow the usual 70/30 (loan/grant) formula for Plan Assistance; and

(c) what are the State-wise details of proposals received, funds released and utilized during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses has been implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP), Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) and Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP). The salient features of these schemes are that these schemes are Centrally Sponsored schemes being implemented on the sharing pattern of 75:25 between Government of India and the State Governments. Under these schemes, assistance is provided to the farmers for different components through State Govts. for increasing the production of pulses, oil palm and maize in order to increase production of pulses, maize & edible oils.

As regards, timely reporting of estimates of area and production of principal crops, a scheme for Timely Reporting System (TRS) is funded by the Govt. of India which takes care of sampling design of TRS for priority data collection based on prevalent land record